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SUBJECT: DATES FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH EC

1. DISCUSSIONS WITH LUYTEN DURING LAST DAY AND A HALF
OVER SCHEDULING HAS YIELDED REAFFIRMATION BY COMMUNITY OF
ITS OFFER OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
IN BRUSSELS ON APRIL 26 AND ON STANDARDS IN BRUSSELS ON APRIL
28.

2. EC APPARENTLY WISHES TO COMPLETE THESE BILATERALS BEFORE
THE FORMAL US/EC MEETINGS ON APRIL 29-30.

3. BECAUSE OF GALLAGHER'S PRESENCE IN US FOR LAW OF SEA
CONFERENCE, EC CANNOT ACCEPT OFFER FOR YEUTTER TO CONDUCT
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT BILATERAL IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 23.

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4. GUNDELACH NOT AVAILABLE FOR EITHER CONSULTATION.

5. RECOMMENDATION: US MTN DEL RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF THESE DATES. WE PROPOSE US SIDE BE REPRESENTED BY AMB WALKER, CULBERT, POMERANZ AND NEWKIRK. SAME REPRESENTATION FOR STANDARDS EXCEPT SUBSTITUTE KELLY FOR POMERANZ. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, RECOMMEND POMERANZ PLAN TO ARRIVE GENEVA THURSDAY, APRIL 22 IN TIME FOR FULL DAY OF INTERNAL DISCUSSION ON APRIL 23. SIMILARLY, REQUEST KELLY ARRIVE GENEVA MONDAY, APRIL 26 FOR FULL DAY OF INTERNAL DISCUSSION ON APRIL 27.

6. IN VIEW OF THE TIMING PROBLEM, WE SUGGEST TWO ALTERNATIVES FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH CANADIANS ON STANDARDS IN GENEVA. FIRST, AND BEST FROM OUR STANDPOINT, WOULD BE TO HAVE THE CONSULTATIONS DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 5 ON THE MARGINS OF THE SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAILING DUTIES SUBGROUP. KELLY PRESENCE AT SUBGROUP MEETING DESIRABLE AND ADDING STANDARDS BILATERAL COULD KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO MEET WITH CANADIANS END OF WEEK OF APRIL 19. THIS WOULD REQUIRE SHIFTING ARRIVAL DATES REFERRED TO IN PARA 5 ABOVE AND ALSO REQUIRE KELLY TO SPEND NEARLY A WEEK IN EUROPE FOR TWO BILATERALS.

7. AS DISCUSSED IN TELECON WITH AMB YEUTTER, WE AGREE WITH THE IDEA OF STANDARDS BILATERAL WITH THE JAPANESE IN TOKYO AT A DATE TO BE FIXED IN LIGHT OF OTHER FACTORS. WALKER

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